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HIDDEN SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

HIDDEN SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16,  
2010 DRAFT SUMMARY OF MEETING EVENTS FROM 19:05 – 19:35 (BASED ON  
VIDEO REVIEW.)

At 7:05 Steve Freiling stepped before the Hidden Springs Neighborhood Association membership, noted that the meeting notice stated that the meeting was to start at 7:00 and that it was 7:05. He then announced the names of the existing Board members: President, Lynn Fox; Vice President, Harvey Shultz, Secretary/Treasurers Donna Baker and Charles Lytle. He asked twice if any of them were present to run the meeting. None were present.

Mr. Freiling asked twice if anyone had been appointed by the President, Vice President or Secretary/Treasurer to preside over this meeting. No one came forward. Mr. Freiling introduced himself as an active member of the Hidden Springs community.

Mr. Freiling then briefly reviewed the past two months actions and events that led to the meeting being held in the context of the requirements of the by-laws:

- The by-laws allow for election of officers every two years, and the last election of officers was February 19, 2008. Therefore we will have vacancies in the Board positions.
- The HSNA By-laws state that the general meeting is the third Tuesday of each month – today.
- At the January meeting the members present decided that the February meeting would be the time of the next election, and responsibilities were assignments were made.
- Based on the request of the HSNA, the City posted the notice of the meeting on the City website.
- On about February 8<sup>th</sup> Lynn Fox notified the City that she needed to cancel the meeting due to a family/medical emergency. Lynn did not appoint anyone to run this meeting.
- The City was asked if the meeting could proceed. The City responded by sending out the postcards to HSNA members announcing that the meeting would be held and stated that the City's primary interest is respecting the will of the majority of the members of the neighborhood association.
- Yesterday, some people received a message that said this meeting was canceled.
- This message to cancel the meeting did not adhere to the requirement in the bylaws that state that a cancelation of a meeting must be done by a vote of the membership.

Mr. Freiling then described the process provided for by Roberts Rules of Order:

In a circumstance where the membership finds itself without leadership, there is a provision in [the rules] that allows the group to select from among them, a President Pro tem who will run the meeting, and will only serve for the duration of the meeting. The process calls for the group to nominate, then elect by majority, a President Pro tem. The President Pro tem then chairs the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Freiling next requested that the membership vote on two measures:

- 1) That we are here for a duly called meeting that has not been canceled, and
- 2) Since we are here without leadership, we wish to elect a President Pro tem.”

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The floor was opened to questions and discussion. The bylaws were read for clarification.

A motion was then moved and seconded: **“That this is a validly called meeting, that it was properly noticed by the City, and that no effective cancelation has been given.”**

The floor was opened for discussion on the motion.

The number of HSNA members present at the meeting was confirmed from the Sign-in Sheets:  
63

The vote was called:

Vote:	In Favor:	58
	Opposed:	1
	Abstain:	4

The motion carried.

A motion was then moved and seconded: **“Since we find ourselves without leadership, that we wish to proceed with the business of the Association and therefore we will implement Robert’s Rules of Order for appointing a President Pro tem.”**

The floor was opened for discussion.

The vote was called:

Vote:	In Favor:	58
	Opposed:	0
	Abstain:	3

The motion carried.

Mr. Freiling reiterated the process for electing a President Pro tem.

There was a call for nominations:

Nominations: Jim Brown  
Steve Freiling (declined)  
Alex Kachirisky

It was moved and seconded to close nominations.

Vote:	In Favor:	59
	Opposed:	0
	Abstain:	2

The motion carried.

Those accepting nomination introduced themselves to the membership.

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The vote was called: Jim Brown: 46  
Alex Kachirisky: 6  
Abstain: 9

Jim Brown was elected by the body of the HSNA members present to serve as the President Pro tem for the remainder of the HSNA meeting, to chair the meeting and conduct the biennial election of HSNA officers. Elise Thompson agreed to serve as secretary for the meeting and take notes of the remainder of the meeting's business.

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2009, 7:35pm  
Rosemont Ridge Middle School, The Commons/Cafeteria

MINUTES

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Brown opened the floor for questions about the motion to proceed with the election of officers for the 2010-2012 term. The question of the exact effective date of the existing officers' terms of office was raised. Specifically, did the terms of office end two years from the third Tuesday in February 2008, (the regularly scheduled HSNA meeting for that month), February 16, 2010; or two years from the calendar date: February 19, 2010.

A call for a vote on the motion regarding elections was made:

**MOTION: "That we proceed with the election of HSNA officers for the 2010-2012 term of the neighborhood association."**

Moved: Joan Hallinan  
Second: Mark Brandeberry

The vote for the motion was called.

Vote: In Favor: 57  
Opposed: 0  
Abstain: 3

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Brown opened discussion by suggesting that we should not disenfranchise the existing officers who were not present. He then called for a motion from the body that, as we consider officers for the next two-year term that the existing officers be considered as nominees for election.

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**MOTION: “As we consider officers for the next two-year term, we consider the existing officers as nominees for election.”**

Moved: Scott Howard  
Second: Alex Kachirisky

The vote for the motion was called.

Vote: In Favor: 58  
Opposed: 2  
Abstain: 3

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION:**

Based on questions asked from the body, there was clarification that we could not hold these elections next month because the neighborhood association would then be without officers during the interim time between the February and March meetings, since their terms in office would have expired as of the end of the current meeting or February 19, 2010, at the latest. The issue was raised that the By-laws list three officers: the President, the Vice- president and the Secretary/Treasurer. However the current HSNA leadership consists of both a Secretary and a Treasurer. Question was raised as whether the membership should nominate both of them as Secretary/Treasurer. There was a discussion about adherence to the By-Laws, questions about how two people could be in the one position, and the having the names added for the evening's elections. Joan Hallinan called for an amendment to the motion:

**AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: “That we place the existing names into consideration on the ballot for the existing positions as President, Vice President and then Chuck [Lytle] and Donna [Baker] would respectively be voted upon for the position of Secretary/Treasurer.”**

Moved: Joan Hallinan  
Second: Susan Van de Water

Mr. Brown called for discussion on the amendment. There was no discussion.

Mr. Brown called for a vote on the amendment to the motion.

Vote: In Favor: 59  
Opposed: 1  
Abstain: 3

The amendment to the motion carried.

Mr. Brown called for a vote on the motion as amended.

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Vote:           In Favor:       58  
                  Opposed:     2  
                  Abstain:     3

The motion, as amended carried.

**Mr. Brown opened the nominations for President.**

The following were nominated for consideration for the office of President:

President:                   Lynn Fox (not present)  
                                  Alex Kachirisky (accepted)  
                                  Jim Brown (declined)  
                                  Scott Howard (declined)

With no other nominations for President, Mr. Brown declared the nominations closed.

Those nominated for President were given the opportunity to speak.  
Since Lynn Fox was not present, Mr. Brown suggested that, in her absence the membership allow her five-year record to speak for itself.

Alex Kachirisky thanked everyone for coming, and stated that he wanted to create for the HSNA more of a neighborhood association as opposed to a place of contention ...to reach out to the neighbors and create a more inclusive environment where we can all share what we want for our neighborhood.

Mr. Brown called for the vote for the office of President.

Vote:                   Lynn Fox               2  
                          Alex Kachirisky       55  
                          Abstain               5

**Alex Kachirisky was elected President.**

**Mr. Brown opened the nominations for Vice President.**

The following were nominated for consideration for the office of Vice President:

Vice President:           Harvey Schultz (not present)  
                                  Scott Howard (accepted)

With no other nominations for Vice President, Mr. Brown declared the nominations closed.

Those nominated for Vice President were given the opportunity to speak.

Scott Howard stated that he wanted to see the neighborhood association grow to the point where we are having monthly meetings with this kind of turnout...actually getting a good pulse of what the neighbors want for this association...that is what...I'd be trying to achieve.

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Mr. Brown asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in Harvey's behalf. Hearing none, Mr. Brown called for the vote for the office of Vice President.\*

Vote:	Harvey Schultz	0
	Scott Howard	59
	Abstain	6

**Scott Howard was elected Vice President.**

**Mr. Brown opened the nominations for Secretary/Treasurer.**

The following were nominated for consideration for the office of Secretary/Treasurer:

Secretary/Treasurer: Donna Baker (not present)  
Charles Lytle (not present)  
Cheri Weaver (declined)  
Pat Corcoran (accepted)  
Susan Van de Water (accepted)

With no other nominations for Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Brown declared the nominations closed.

Mr. Brown asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in Donna's or Charles' behalf. Hearing none, Mr. Brown asked Mr. Corcoran and Ms. Van de Water to speak in turn.

Pat Corcoran stated that he has the same vision as expressed by Alex and Scott... and that people get involved.

Susan Van de Water stated that she wanted this organization be very robust...engage everyone... and that the minutes be presented ... within a week the meeting...that they be accurate... by reviewing of the notes at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Brown called for the vote for the office of Secretary/Treasurer.

Vote:	Donna Baker	0
	Charles Lytle	0
	Pat Corcoran	12
	Susan Van de Water	40
	Abstain	11

**Susan Van de Water was elected Secretary/Treasurer.**

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Brown stated that the primary purpose the evening was the election of officers. He then offered other items for consideration by the membership to "clear the decks" for the incoming administration. Mr. Brown called for a motion to dissolve all standing HSNA committees and

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subcommittees so that the new administration could begin the process reconsidering who should be on those committees.

MOTION: **“To dissolve all standing HSNA committees and subcommittees.”**

Moved: Alex Kachirisky  
Second: Scott Howard

DISCUSSION:

There was a question as to the timeline of February 16 or 19, 2010 being the actual end of the terms of office of the officers, and the existing committees.

AMENDMENT was moved and seconded: “The committees or subcommittees end on the regularly scheduled third Tuesday of the month of February on every even year.”

Mr. Brown called for discussion on the amendment. There was no further discussion.

Mr. Brown called for a vote on the amendment.

Vote:	In Favor:	60
	Opposed:	0
	Abstain:	4

The amendment carried.

Mr. Brown called for discussion on the motion.

AMENDMENT: “That the motion includes that the officers’ terms begin tonight and the former officers’ term end at the close of this meeting.”

Moved: Janet Freihling  
Second: Frank Heuschkel

Mr. Brown called for discussion on the new amendment. There was no further discussion.

Mr. Brown called for a vote on the amendment.

Vote:	In Favor:	61
	Opposed:	0
	Abstain:	4

The amendment carried.

Mr. Brown called for a vote on the original motion as amended:

MOTION AS AMENDED **“To dissolve all standing HSNA committees and subcommittees; that, all committees or subcommittees end on the regularly scheduled third Tuesday of the month of February on every even year, and; that the newly elected officers’ terms begin tonight and the former officers’ term end at the close of this meeting.”**



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Vote:	In Favor:	60
	Opposed:	0
	Abstain:	4

The motion, as amended carried.

Mr. Brown stated that during the last several weeks President Fox has submitted a number of information requests to the City regarding unknown topics not discussed at neighborhood association meetings. He stated that there are several of these pending before the City and that reportedly, Ms. Fox had submitted these requests in her capacity as HSNA President. Mr. Brown then entertained a motion that, as the membership of the neighborhood association, we consider all of those requests in the name of the Association, or in her capacity as President of the Association be rescinded.

**MOTION: “To have all information requests made by Lynn Fox as President of the HSNA be rescinded.”**

Moved: Susan Van de Water  
Second: Scott Howard

**DISCUSSION:**

There was discussion concerning the public records requests, their nature, and the costs born by the City. There were various approaches offered. There was significant discussion about the reasonableness, the costs and transparency of the various approaches. No amendments to the original motion resulted.

Discussion on the discussion was closed.

Mr. Brown called for a vote on the motion.

Vote:	In Favor:	59
	Opposed:	2
	Abstain:	4

The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION:**

Patti Neiswanger requested that a copy of the minutes from this meeting be e-mailed to her. This opened further discussion about the use of e-mails (blind vs. open), and the use of the City NA website for communication with the community about the HSNA activities. Alex Kachirisky stated that the video of the meeting and draft minutes from this meeting would be posted on the City NA website, and further discussion about various modes of communication will occur at the March HSNA meeting.

The Agenda for the March meeting was developed:

**AGENDA FOR MARCH 16 MEETING:**



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- Brainstorming session for ideas of what you, as the membership want for the neighborhood association
- Address the Neighborhood Plan
- Review the By-Laws and get input from the membership

DISCUSSION:

Requests were made to have an idea forum on the HSNA's website.

MOTION: Moved and seconded "that next month's meeting will be held at Rosemont Ridge Middle School."

Vote:	In Favor:	couldn't hear the total number
	Opposed:	0
	Abstain:	0

MOTION: Moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Mr. Brown called for all of those in favor signify by saying "Aye"

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

LOCATION OF MARCH 16TH MEETING: Rosemont Ridge Middle School, The Commons/Cafeteria. President Kachirisky will reserve the room.

Summary and Minutes by:

Elise Thompson

Susan Van de Water, Secretary/Treasurer



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